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CLADDING COMPRISING AN INTEGRATED POLYMER ACTUATOR FOR THE
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A concise explanation of the relevance of reference no. DE 22 59 749 is that this document concerns a mechanism for de-icing of a surface but this mechanism is not driven by a polymer actuator. The actuator of the document comprises two conductors which transform an electrical pulse to a mechanical movement. This movement deforms the surface of the component which is to de-ice. For this reason the surface consists of an elastic material, but this material is not an integral part of the actuator as it would be if a polymer actuator were used.

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